

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 18 as indicated. Please cancel claims 23 and 24.

Please add new claims 27 and 28

A complete listing of all claims remaining follows.

1. (Original) An animal cover adapted to conform to the shape of an animal's body to deliver a temperature to a specific targeted area of the body, the animal cover comprising:

a. a body of the animal cover having an interior and exterior side;
b. a plurality of cavities strategically located within the body of the animal cover to deliver a temperature altering regimen to a targeted area of the animal's body; and

c. a temperature altering device.

2. (Original) The animal cover of claim 1, wherein the plurality of cavities are strategically located within the body of said animal cover to deliver a temperature altering regimen to the animal's muscle groups selected from the group consisting of: spine, shoulder, neck, thigh and hip.

3. (Original) The animal cover of claim 1, wherein the plurality of cavities are strategically located within the body of said animal cover to deliver a temperature altering regimen to the animal's joints selected from the group consisting of: stifle, hip, shoulder and elbow.

4. (Original) The animal cover of claim 1, wherein the plurality of cavities are strategically located within the body of said animal cover to deliver a temperature altering regimen to an area of the animal's anatomy selected from the group consisting of: neck, withers, spine, scapula, back, loin, croup, thigh, buttock, stifle, abdomen, girth, elbow, forearm, arm, chest, shoulder and neck.

5. (Original) The animal cover of claim 1, wherein the temperature altering device is located within the plurality of cavities.

6. (Original) The animal cover of claim 5, wherein the temperature altering device is permanently located in the plurality of cavities.

7. (Original) The animal cover of claim 5, wherein the temperature altering device is removably located in the plurality of cavities.

8. (Original) The animal cover of claim 7, wherein the plurality of cavities form a sealable pocket for holding the temperature altering device, said sealable pocket further comprising a seal selected from the group consisting of: hook and loop, zipper, buttons and snaps.

9. (Original) The animal cover of claim 1, wherein the temperature altering device is brought to a desired temperature by placing the entire animal cover in a refrigerated or heated environment until said temperature altering device reaches a desired temperature and can be used to deliver a temperature altering regimen to an animal.

10. (Previously Amended) The animal cover of claim 1, wherein the temperature altering device is removed from said animal cover and is brought to a desired temperature by placing said temperature altering devices in a refrigerated or heated environment until said temperature altering device reaches a desired temperature and can be returned to said animal cover and used to deliver a temperature altering regimen to an animal.

11. (Original) The animal cover of claim 1, wherein the body of the animal cover is made of a material that will wick moisture away from the body of the animal.

12. (Original) The animal cover of claim 1, wherein the plurality of cavities further comprise a material on the exterior side of the body of said animal cover that will reflect the temperature emitted from the temperature altering device towards the body of the animal for maximum efficiency of temperature transfer.

13. (Original) The animal cover of claim 1, wherein the plurality of cavities are adjustable about the body of the animal cover for optimal placement on a variety of differently sized animals.

14. (Previously Amended) The animal cover of claim 13, wherein the cavity for delivering a temperature altering regimen to a stifle is located on a flap of the body of

said animal cover, said flap wraps from the outer thigh around to the inner thigh and is adjustably attached to the buttock/croup area of the animal cover.

15. (Original) The animal cover of claim 14, wherein the cavity for delivering a temperature altering regimen to the stifle is adjustable about the flap of the body of the animal cover, allowing for optimal positions of the temperature altering device between the stifle joint and the abdomen/groin area of the animal.

16. (Original) The animal cover of claim 1, wherein the animal is selected from the group consisting of horse, dog; llama, sheep and cat.

17. (Original) The animal cover of claim 1, wherein said animal cover is a horse blanket and the animal is a horse.

18. (Currently Amended) A method for delivering a temperature altering regimen comprising the steps of:

a. altering the temperature of a temperature altering device located within strategically located cavities located about the body of an animal cover having a temperature altering device and being designed and fitted to deliver a temperature altering regimen to specific areas of an animal's body;

b. placing the animal cover on the body of an animal; and

c. allowing a temperature altering regimen to run its course.

19. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the step of altering the temperature of an animal cover comprises placing the entire cover into a refrigeration or heating environment and allowing the temperature altering device to reach a desired temperature.

20. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the step of altering the temperature of an animal cover comprises removing the temperature altering device from said animal cover, placing said temperature altering device in to a refrigeration or heating environment, allowing said temperature altering device to reach a desired temperature, and replacing said temperature altering device into said animal cover.

21. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the step of placing the animal cover on the body of an animal comprises adjusting and properly aligning said animal cover to allow for the optimally strategic alignment of the temperature altering device with an area of the animal's body to receive a temperature altering regimen.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the step of placing the animal cover on the animal further comprises wrapping the animal cover around the outer thigh and the inner thigh of the animal to optimally and adjustably align a temperature altering device between the stifle and the groin of the animal's body.

23. (Cancel)

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25. (Original) The method of claim 18, wherein the animal is selected from the group consisting of horse, dog, llama, sheep and cat.

26. (Original) The animal cover of claim 18, wherein said animal cover is a horse blanket and the animal is a horse.

27. (New) A horse cover for delivering a targeted temperature altering regimen to a specific and defined location of a horse's body comprising a muscle, a muscle group, a joint, a skeletal structure or combinations thereof, wherein the specific and defined location of the horse's body is affected with a problem, the problem comprising aching, soreness, inflammation or swelling, the animal cover comprising:
a. a body of the cover; and
b. strategically located cavities about the horse cover for delivering the targeted temperature altering regimen to the specific and defined location of the horse's body.

28. (New) The horse cover of claim 27 wherein the cavities are strategically located at the specific and defined location of the horse's body by positioning and repositioning the cavities to the area currently affected with the problem, the horse cover being constructed such that the cavities contact and remain at the specific and defined location.